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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US - JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS ON MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

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1. GOJ HAS PROBLEMS WITH FEBRUARY 27-28 DATES SUGGESTED  
REFTEL AND HOPES THAT CONSULTATIONS CAN BE POSTPONED UNTIL  
LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY. MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN  
AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL MURATA TOLD EMBOFF DEC 17  
THAT DATES CONFLICT WITH POSSIBLE VISIT OF EGYPTIAN  
PRESIDENT SADAT TO TOKYO AND MEETING OF KEY JAPANESE  
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS STATIONED IN OIL PRODUCER AND  
CONSUMER COUNTRIES SCHEDULED FOR LATE FEBRUARY. TIMING  
OF SADAT VISIT STILL VERY MUCH IN AIR, SINCE HIS SCHEDULE  
DEPENDENT, AS JAPANESE UNDERSTAND, ON POSSIBLE VISIT TO  
WASHINGTON. FINALLY, BUDGET SQUEEZE MAKES ANY BUT  
HIGHEST LEVEL TRAVEL DIFFICULT UNTIL SECOND QUARTER.  
MURATA APOLOGIZED THAT FEBRUARY DATES INCONVENIENT.  
HE REITERATED HIS STRONG BELIEF IN HIGH VALUE OF  
CONSULTATIONS AND HOPE THAT LATER DATE WOULD BE  
AGREEABLE TO AMERICAN SIDE. AT SAME TIME, HE STATED  
THAT ANY AMERICAN EXPERTS ABLE TO TRAVEL TO  
TOKYO FOR CONSULTATIONS IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH  
WOULD BE WELCOMED, AND SCHEDULES BENT TO FIT THEIR  
CONVENIENCE.

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2. COMMENT: IN ADDITION, JAPANESE MAY PREFER IF  
ONLY FOR THE TIME BEING, TO AVOID NECESSITY FOR  
EXPLAINING TO ARABS REASON FOR DIRECT OFFICIAL TALKS  
WITH WASHINGTON ON MIDEAST POLITICAL SITUATION SO  
SOON AFTER UNGA (GOJ ABSTENTIONS AT UNGA ON PLO RUFFLED ARABS)  
AND DURING WHAT PROMISES TO BE BUSY SEASON FOR CONSULTATIONS  
AMONG OIL CONSUMER NATIONS.  
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